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The Honorable Janet L. Sanders  
c/o Antitrust Division  
Office of the Attorney General  
1 Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sanders,

As you already know, Partners is planning to remove from Union Hospital the full service acute care, and replace it with a psychiatric ward and rehab facility. This personally concerns me, because it affects the quality of life and safety in my district.

Some of the reasons for my concerns are as follows:

- \*Union Hospital is the only full service hospital left in Lynn servicing a population of 92,000.
- \*Saugus, a neighboring town without a hospital and a population of 26,000, also uses Union Hospital.
- \*Partner's Health Care plans to move the full service division to Salem Hospital. I disagree with their decision to do this for a couple reasons. The distance to travel that much further could be life threatening. The traffic is also a factor even in an ambulance. The weather also plays a part in safety. Some of the roads that will be used have flood issues.

Finally, Partner's has already unified the South Shore hospitals and are now trying to do the same on the North Shore. My concern with this is the monopolization and the controlling of service prices.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald H. Wong".

Representative Donald H. Wong

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